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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Algeria*, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia*, Gambia*, Ghana*, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Madagascar*, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal*, Russian Federation, Senegal*, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania*, Vietnam*, Zambia* and Zimbabwe*: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Angola

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and the Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, and noting the resolution on the situation in Angola adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at is 59th ordinary session,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Deeply concerned about the grave humanitarian situation, the serious deterioration of human rights, and the destruction of basic infrastructures as a result of the continuing hostilities in Angola,

Recalling the relevant Security Council resolutions and stressing the importance it attaches to the acceptance by UNITA without reservations, as requested by the Security Council, of the results of the democratic elections of 29 and 30 September 1992, held under United Nations supervision and to its abiding fully by the Peace Accords, and the relevant Security Council resolutions,

Noting that the Angolan Constitution guarantees civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and fundamental freedoms in Angola, and stressing the need for full implementation of the Constitution,

Welcoming the continuing direct negotiations at Lusaka under the auspices of the United Nations, and the ongoing efforts of the Government of Angola and UNITA to reach a negotiated settlement,

Commending the effort of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative aimed at the earliest resolution of the Angolan crisis through negotiation within the framework of the Peace Accords and relevant Security Council resolutions,

1. Strongly supports the process of democratization in Angola and further encourages the Government of Angola to pursue full promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Angola;

2. Encourages the Government of Angola to make use of the advisory services and programme of technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights and requests the Centre to respond favourably;

3. Reaffirms its support of the ongoing direct negotiations at Lusaka and commends the Government of Zambia for hosting the negotiations;

4. Stresses the importance of a speedy conclusion of a negotiated settlement, calls upon both parties, particularly UNITA, to honour the commitments already made by them at the talks at Lusaka, and urges them to exercise maximum restraint and to stop immediately all military actions in order to prevent further violation of human rights and suffering on the part of the

civilian population of Angola and damage to the economic and social infrastructure of Angola;

5. Supports the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative aimed at the earliest resolution of the Angolan crisis through negotiations within the framework of the Peace Accords and relevant Security Council resolutions;

6. Strongly appeals to all Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to support ongoing efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to implement the emergency humanitarian assistance plan;

7. Decides to consider this question at its fifty-first session under the agenda item entitled "Advisory services in the field of human rights".